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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Attn: Office of Petitions

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Thirteen (13) sheets of drawings which the USPTO indicated were missing from USPN 09/994,803. Further, Applicants submit herewith a newly executed Declaration covering the 13 sheets of drawings as required by the Notice from the USPTO. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the 13 sheets of drawings were properly filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2001 with the complete specification. Applicants filed on December 28, 2001 a Petition and evidence showing that the 13 sheets of drawings were properly filed on November 28, 2001 (copy included herewith).

Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO search for, identify, and associate the original 13 sheets of drawings filed on November 28, 2001 with the remainder of the

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specification as filed. Further, Applicant respectfully requests the USPTO to accord the Applicants a filing date of November 28, 2001 for Application No. 09/994,803.

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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

 The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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